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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY SANAA

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SUBJECT: ARAB SUMMIT STILL NOT FIXED

REF JIDDA 3197 (NOTAL)

1. SAUDI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, MOHAMMAD MAS'UD, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 17) THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CAIRO AND MOGADISCIO ON AGREEMENT TO HOLD THE ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON JUNE 28 WERE NOT RPT NOT CORRECT.

2. THE SAUDI MEETINGS WITH SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE (REFTEL) DID NOT GO AS WELL AS SIAD HAS SUBSEQUENTLY SAID. AND SAUDI ARABIA DEFINITELY DID NOT WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTIONS TO HOLDING THE MEETING IN MOGADISCIO. SIAD'S STATEMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING. MOROCCO SUPPORTS SAUDI ARABIA ON THIS.

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3. MAS'UD SAID THE MATTER WAS STILL UNDER

DEBATE. HE PERSONALLY STRONGLY OPPOSED GOING
TO SOMALIA UNTIL THE ISSUE OF RUSSIAN BASES THERE
HAS BEEN RESOLVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL THE
ARABS. AND HE WAS SURE THAT HIS POSITION HAD NOT
BEEN SECRETLY REVERSED BY FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE
SAUD OR CROWN PRINCE FAHD.

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